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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE MAIL ORDER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS MOELLER
(MOAA/USPS-T36-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of the Mail Order Association of America: MOAA/USPS-T36-1, filed on September 17, 1997, and redirected from witness Moeller.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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MOAA/USPS-T36-1. Please refer to the Charts 1 and 2 of LR-H-182.

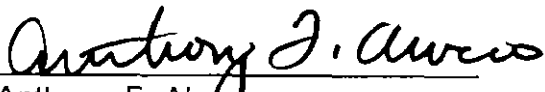
- a. Please confirm that in [sic] both charts appear to show positive correlations between "Carrier Route" deviations from trend, (residuals) and "Other" deviation from trend, i.e., the highs and lows of the "saw teeth" appear together in the same weight increments.
- b. Were any studies performed to determine if the correlation of the residuals on the graph may have been induced by problems with design and/or data collection?
- c. If the answer to part a is affirmative, please provide all studies or analyses.

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed, in the sense that the peaks and valleys of the lines on the charts often occur in the same weight increments.
- b. No.
- c. Not applicable, assuming that this question was intended to refer to subpart (b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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